

ASEAN INTERNSHIP SCHEME

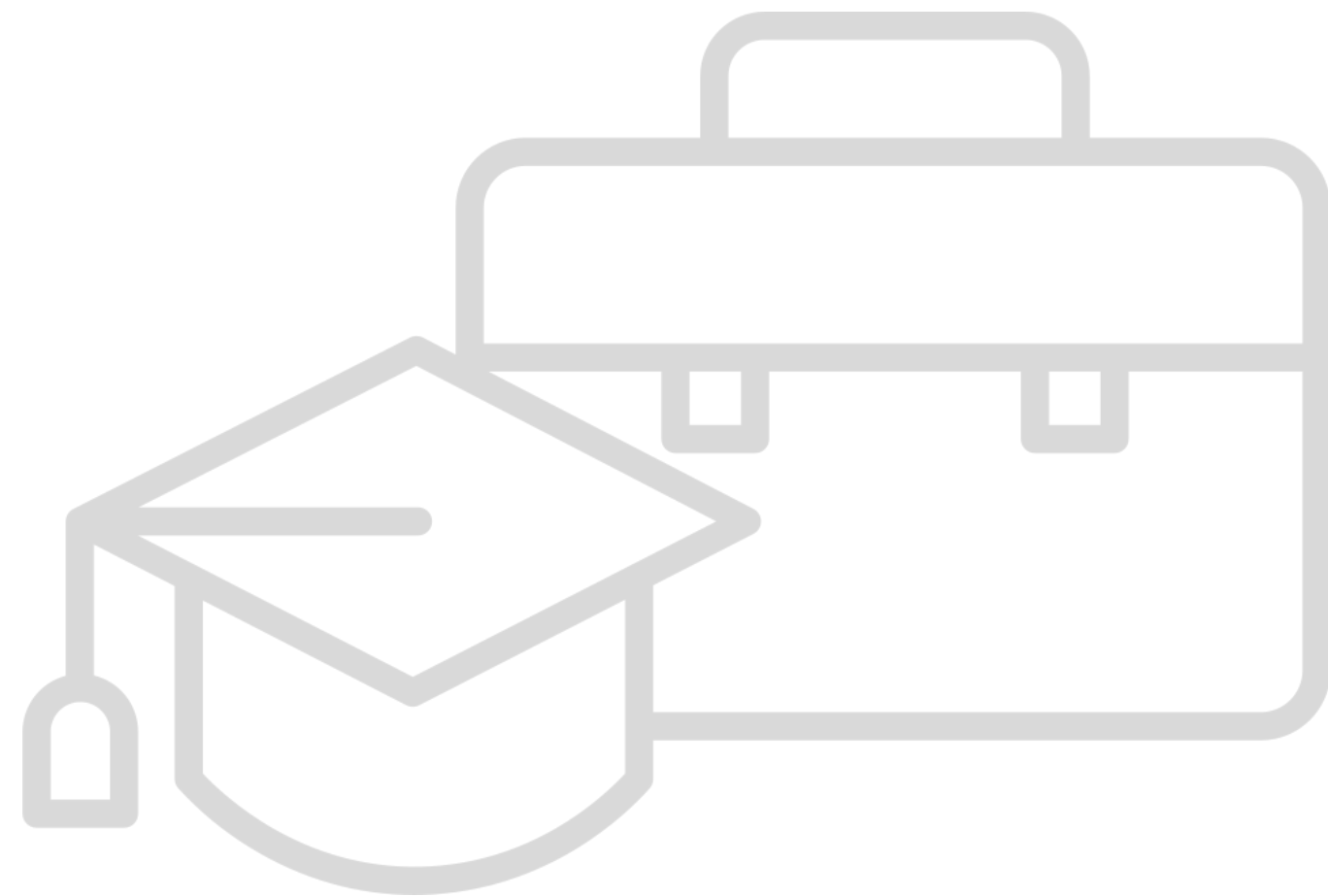
For Hong Kong Higher Education Students



The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China



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Overview

Mission

GIVE

students first-hand practical experience related to their career interest, with exposure to the socio-economic environment of the emerging ASEAN region.

CULTIVATE

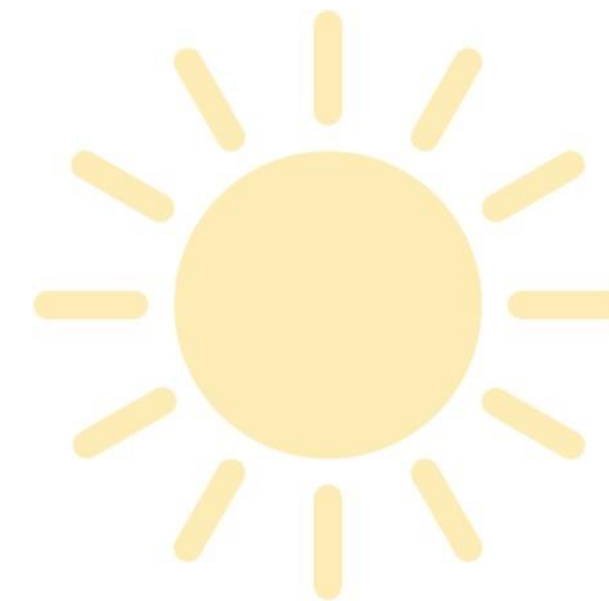
students as the “ambassadors” of Hong Kong in the ASEAN region, and vice versa upon their return to Hong Kong, to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen ties.

FOSTER

exchanges at university and industry levels between Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries to unleash potential for future cross-sectoral collaborations.

GROOM

a generation of culturally savvy leaders of tomorrow to benefit both Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries.



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Overview

Achievements

The ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students (the Scheme) was initiated by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Singapore in 2014, and is now jointly coordinated by the HKETOs in Singapore, Jakarta and Bangkok.

In 2025

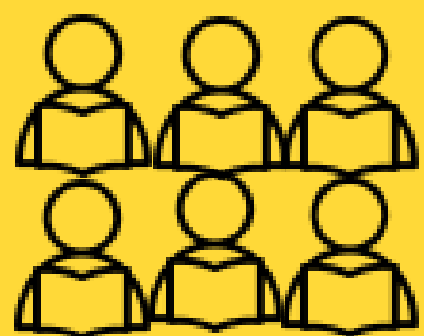
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Hong Kong students
**joined the Scheme,
undertaking
internships in**

6

ASEAN countries
**Singapore, Malaysia,
Indonesia, Thailand,
the Philippines and Brunei**

**Since Inception in 2014,
We have Onboarded**



997

Hong Kong students

from



11

Hong Kong institutions



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Overview

Participating Hong Kong Higher Education Institutions



[City University of Hong Kong](#)



[Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts](#)



[Hong Kong Baptist University](#)



[Hong Kong Metropolitan University](#)



[Hong Kong Shue Yan University](#)



[Lingnan University](#)



[Saint Francis University](#)



[The Chinese University of Hong Kong](#)



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[The University of Hong Kong](#)

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Overview

Timeline - Indicative

	OCT 2025	NOV	DEC	JAN 2026	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Institution		<u>PUBLICITY & NOMINATION</u> Promote internship vacancies to students, collect and screen applications. Send nominated applications to respective Host Organisations directly.				<u>PREPARATION</u> Inform successful student interns of offers. Assist them in preparation before departure (visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance etc.)		<u>INTERNSHIP PERIOD</u> Stay in touch with student interns overseas and provide support as necessary. Provide HKETO with data on recruitment, intern placements and student interns for emergency contact and record / analysis purpose.			<u>EVALUATION</u> Collate and submit Institution’s and student interns’ feedback to HKETO.	
Student		<u>APPLICATION</u> Submit application(s) via respective Institution. Cooperate with Institution and Host Organisation throughout the selection process.				<u>PREPARATION</u> Arrange logistics (visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance etc.) with assistance from Institution if an offer is received and accepted.		<u>INTERNSHIP PERIOD</u> Internship period is subject to agreement between Host Organisation and student intern.			<u>EVALUATION</u> Submit student intern’s feedback via Institution.	
Host Organisation	<u>PROVIDE INTERN VACANCY</u> Provide intern vacancies to respective HKETOs in Singapore, Jakarta or Bangkok overseeing the country where the internship is located.			<u>SELECTION, MAKE OFFER & PREPARATION</u> Process applications received from Hong Kong Institutions. Screen CVs and conduct online / phone interviews where appropriate. Inform offer decisions / answer enquiries through respective Institutions. Support the preparation of successful student interns .			<u>INTERNSHIP PERIOD</u> Internship period is subject to agreement between Host Organisation and student intern.			<u>EVALUATION</u> Submit Host Organisation’s feedback to HKETO.		

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Key Features

Highlights of the Scheme

Eligibility to be an Intern

- Primarily open to full-time local undergraduate students from the 13 participating Hong Kong Institutions.
- Postgraduate and non-local undergraduate full-time students may also be considered at the discretion of the Institutions and Host Organisations, subject to any applicable visa/entry requirements of the internship country concerned (e.g. Singapore has an upper age limit of 25 for Work Holiday Pass holders).
- Exchange students whose home institutions are not among the participating Hong Kong Institutions are not eligible for the Scheme.

Internship Period

- A minimum of 6-week physical internship outside Hong Kong during summer break of students (generally between May and August).
- Host Organisations may indicate the preferred period, while the actual internship period is subject to agreement with student interns.
- Remote or virtual internship entirely in Hong Kong is not accepted.

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Key Features

Highlights of the Scheme

Logistical Arrangements

- Air tickets, accommodation, visa, insurance etc. are to be arranged by student interns with the assistance from respective Hong Kong Institutions, as well as the facilitation from respective Host Organisations.

Internship Vacancies

- In previous years, the Scheme offered over 100 internship vacancies annually across a wide range of disciplines in various ASEAN countries, catering to the professional aspirations and academic interests of students. Vacancy information collected from Host Organisations, including job scope and specific requirements, is disseminated to students through respective Hong Kong Institutions.

Number of Vacancies of Each Host Organisation

- The more the better, subject to the capacity and need of individual Host Organisation.

Honorarium for Student Interns

- Optional and at the discretion of individual Host Organisation.

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For Students

Reasons to Join the Scheme



ASEAN is one of the most vibrant and fast-growing regions:

- world's 5th largest economy
- Hong Kong's 2nd largest trading partner



First-hand experience to hone professional skills and develop career interest, gain new insights and perspectives from others' practices, and learn to collaborate with people from a different culture.



Explore the scenery and rich cultural fabric of ASEAN countries. Embark on a transformative journey that combines work and travel with deep cultural exchanges.

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For Students

Roles of Student Interns



1

Cooperate closely with Institution and Host Organisation(s) on the application and selection process, and the logistical and administrative matters if an internship offer is received and accepted.

2

Diligently complete the assigned internship duties in a professional and responsible manner.

3

Act as an ambassador for Hong Kong, promoting a positive image of the city and sharing its good stories with others.

4

Submit student evaluation form and photos via Institution after internship. Give prior consent for Institution and HKETOs to use the materials for publicity purposes.

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For Institutions

Roles of Hong Kong Institutions



1

Publicise internship opportunities to students, collect and screen applications, nominate candidates with CVs to Host Organisations. Be the contact point between students and Host Organisations before offers are made.

2

Provide information to student interns on available financial support (e.g. scholarships and subsidy schemes) to facilitate their participation in the Scheme.

3

Provide support and guidance to student interns on logistical preparation (e.g. air tickets, accommodation, visa application, etc.) and throughout the internship.

4

Ensure students are appropriately and sufficiently insured before embarking on the overseas internship.

5

Inform HKETO in Singapore of successful placements and provide relevant information and statistics, for the purposes of emergency contact, record-keeping and data analysis.

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For Host Organisations

Reasons to Join the Scheme



Tap the creative minds and varied skills of Hong Kong's young generation.



Bring in cross-cultural experience to your workplace.



Identify potential talents to assist in your future expansion in ASEAN or Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).



Build networks with some of the potential future leaders of ASEAN.

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For Host Organisations

Reasons to Join the Scheme

Celebration of Academic Excellence

Hong Kong is one of the top education hubs with 5 universities ranking among the global's top 100.



Arts



Business



Engineering



Healthcare

Wide Spectrum of Academic Disciplines

Our energetic students from 13 institutions come with diverse expertise and fresh ideas that can provide value for Host Organisations.



Hospitality



Law



Science



Social Science

Roles of Host Organisations

1

Offer internship opportunit(ies) with clearly defined job scope and requirements, and a safe and compliant work environment.

2

Timely process applications received from Hong Kong Institutions, including screening CVs and conducting online/ phone interviews where appropriate, and notify offer decisions/ answer enquiries through respective Institutions.

3

Provide necessary mentorship and supervision to student intern(s) for immersion of industry environment.

4

Offer necessary advice and administrative facilitation (e.g. letter of offer) to support student interns before and during the internship, and in the event of any emergency.



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Intern Stories

From Our 2025 Interns



ZHOU Yixin

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Economics
Host Organisation: *Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat*



Singapore



TENG In Fong

City University of Hong Kong
BBA in Accountancy and Information Management
Host Organisation: *Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Bangkok*



Thailand,
Bangkok



The experience culminated at the Techsauce Global Summit, where I represented HKETO to promote Hong Kong as an investment destination. This internship was not only professionally transformative but also personally enriching, significantly enhancing my analytical and cross-cultural communication skills.



This experience deepened my understanding of how financial governance operates in a multilateral setting, where transparency, consensus, and alignment across diverse stakeholders are critical.



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Looking back at my travels on airplanes, I had never really thought of aircraft mechanics' work, but this internship provided me with a whole new appreciation for line-maintenance engineers and showed me that this could be a career worth considering after graduation. Moreover, this internship gave me a chance to connect with industry professionals and build a network that may be advantageous as I progress in my career.

**AGARWAL Aryan**

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering
Host Organisation: *Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd*

Thailand,
Bangkok

**LIU Yancheng**

The University of Hong Kong
Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Finance
Host Organisation: *KASS International Sdn Bhd*

Malaysia,
Kuala Lumpur

During my internship, I explored the Chinese IP market and helped develop marketing initiatives for Chinese clients. The experience strengthened my belief in China's growing global influence and deepened my appreciation for its enterprises expanding into Malaysia through KASS.

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CHENG Yu Shan

The University of Hong Kong
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
Host Organisation: *Chung Ting Fai & Co.*

📍 Singapore

I visited the Supreme Court in Singapore and other legal institutions, attended court hearings, and observed proceedings. The experience broadened my horizons and helped me understand differences between Hong Kong's and Singapore's court procedures.



SIDHARTA, Agnella

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Integrated Bachelor of Business Administration Programme
Host Organisation: *Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Jakarta)*

📍 Indonesia,
Jakarta



This internship gave me a clearer picture of international trade and helped me build skills I will use in the future. It was a great learning experience that pushed me out of my comfort zone and made me more confident in a professional environment.



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Snapshots of Activities Organised by HKETO





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